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Dulles Had Case of Intestinal Cancer, All Malignancy Removed, Doctors Say

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Emergency surgery on Secretary of State John Foster Dulles revealed that the 68-year-old Cabinet member was stricken with an intestinal cancer, the State Department said yesterday.

Press Officer Lincoln White disclosed this to newsmen at the Army's Walter Reed Hospital, where Dulles was reported in "good" condition after Saturday's 2½-hour operation.

White declined to say whether Dulles had been informed of the malignancy, discovered in preliminary studies of a portion of the large intestine removed during the operation.

The State Department aide emphasized that doctors had "no evidence whatsoever" that the cancer had extended to other organs in the abdomen.

"A complete removal of the diseased tissue was accomplished," White said.

Doctors held to their prediction of Saturday, that the Secretary should be able to return to his State Department desk in about six weeks.

A few hours before the nature of Dulles' illness was revealed, President Eisenhower called at his bedside.

"Take good care of the boy," Mr. Eisenhower told Maj. Gen. Leonard D. Heaton, the Walter Reed commandant who headed a team of four surgeons who removed the diseased section of Dulles' intestine and spliced together the remaining healthy parts.

The President added: "I need him."

Dulles was stricken in early Saturday, just as grave new foreign policy problems were cropping up in Central Europe and the Middle East.

In a statement put out at the White House, Mr. Eisenhower took note of the diplomatic burden which Dulles had been shouldering and said:

". . . Mr. Dulles has devoted himself unselfishly to his complicated and strenuous duties —even, as it is now apparent, at the risk of his own health."

In the statement, released almost simultaneously with White's announcement, Mr. Eisenhower said he was sure all Americans and freedom loving peoples everywhere join in wishing Dulles "a speedy and full recovery."

Dulles' ailment was named medically as "adenocarcinoma" —a malignant tumor. This was

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